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1. There was no flying at the FINOW (N 53/V 08) airfield on 18, 19 and 20 November 1949. Weather was rainy and visibility was poor. At least forty-eight fighters, seven U-2 biplanes and four transport planes with two radial engines and tail wheels were observed on the northern edge of the field, from a distance of about 1,600 feet. A large hangar, a four-story building and a cantonment building were located on the north edge.*

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2. Six twin-engine low-wing monoplanes, eleven single-engine monoplanes, and eight biplanes were parked on the northern edge in mid-November 1949. Additional aircraft of undetermined type were parked farther west.

3. At least 15 small, single-engine, low-wing monoplanes were parked in a row (not as previously observed in small groups) on the north edge on 21 November 1949. Five large twin-engine transports with tail wheels were also standing there. The first plane had the light-gray numerals [redacted] Aft of this was a vertical red stripe on the rudder assembly. There was no flying.*

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4. A radio station surrounded by bushes was in the flying lane about 330 feet east of the field. The station had four antenna masts arranged in a square. These were connected by wires with a mast in the center. Between the masts and the field there were two small wooden cabins and a radio truck, interconnected with a line suspended from poles along the FINOW-BIRSENTHAL (N 53/Z 97) road. ***

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* a. The two informants both state that the field is occupied by fighters. According to the number of planes it is assumed that at least one fighter regiment is stationed there. Besides the fighters, some Li-2 transports also seem to have been at the field during the period of observation.

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*** c. The radio station is possibly an Adcock DF station.

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